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Agreement Concerning the Msinmin-Mukden and Mirin-Ch'angch'un Railways. -- April 15, 1907.

Consuke Hayashi, Envoy Extraordianry and Minister Plenipotentiary of Japan, and Pu-t'ung. Ch'u Hungchi, and Tong Shao-i, Ministers of the Imperial Chinese Board of Foreign Affairs, having been appointed thereto by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following Articles:--

1. The Chinese Government, being desirous of purchasing the Hsin-min Fu-Mukden Reilway, constructed by Japan, hereby agrees that the purchase price thereof shall be Japanese Gold Yen 1,660,000, to be paid through the Yokohama Specie Bank at Tientsin.

The status of this railway shall be changed by the Chinese Government to that of the lines built by China herself, and it is agreed that one-half of the capital needed for that part of the line east of the line River shall be borrowed from the South Manchuria Railway Company.

11. The Chinese Government, being about to construct a railway line herself from Kirin to Changchun Fu, agrees to borrow from the aforesaid Company one-half of the capital needed for this work.

III. The conditions of the loans provided for in Articles I and III, with the exception of the periods within which they are to be repayable, shall be in all respects similar to those of the loan contracts of the Reilways Inside and Cutside Shan-hai Ruan. The most '. important conditions are mentioned below.

The Regulations for the management of the railway lines shall correspond with the methods at present employed by the General Office of the Railway Lines Inside and Outside Shan-hai Kuan.

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(a) The periods within which the loans shall be repaid shall be for that part of the Hsin-min-Mukden Line east of the Line River 18 years,

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for the Kirin-Changehan Line 25 years,

No repayment in full of these loans shall be allowed before the expiration of the periods named.

(b) The security for the loan from the South Manchuria Railway

Company for that part of the Hain-min-Muhden Line east of the Line

River shall be the real property of the aforesaid section and its earning

The security for the mercantile shares to be issued by the Mirin-Changehun Reilway Administration as well as for the loan to be made from the South Munchuria Railway Company shall be the real property of the said Reilway and its earnings.

so long as these loans are not repaid by the Chinese Government, the aforesaid property and carnings of the above-named lines shall not be pledged as security for any other loan.

During the periods of these loans the Chinese Government agrees that the buildings, machinery, rolling-stock, and road-bed of the section of the Hain-min-Makden Railway east of the Liao River and of the Kirin-Changehun Railway shall be kept in good condition, and furthermore that such additions will be made to the rolling-stock from time as may be required to satisfy demands of the traffic.

If the Kirin-Changchun Line should hereafter build branch lines or an extension, the construction of such lines with himselver legislatis.org/doc/c33953/ with the Chinese Government, but, if there should be a lack of capital.

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application shall be made to the (South Manchuria Railway) Company for an arrangement. Should China, however, appropriate funds herself for the construction of any other railway lines than those mentioned, it shall not consern the grath Manchuria Railway Company.

(c) The loans and the interest thereon are guaranteed by the Chinese government and should there be any failure to make payment of interest or repayment of principal at the proper periods, the Company shall at once notify the Chinese Government, which shall pay over to the Company the amount of the shortage. If the Chinese Government, after such notification by the Company, shall be unable to make good the deficie in the payments of principal or interest, the line in question with its real property shall be handed over to the temporary control of the Company until the shortage is made good, after which it shall be returned to the control of the Railway Administration.

If, however, the shortege of for a small amount only, an extension of time shall be granted as an accommodation, but never for more than three morths,

(d) During the periods of these leans the Engineer-in-chief employed shall be a Japanese, and should there be an insufficient supply of Chinese for the various posts in the service of the railways, Japanese may be employed with the Chinese. If at any time it shall become noce sary to change the Engineer-in-chief, consultation must first be had with the (South Manchuria Railway) Company before appoint-. man, may be made. There shall also be appointed one Japanese accountant, who must be thoroughly jualified, and who shall have entire responsibility.

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- (e) The railways mentioned being Chinese Government lines, the latter shall have the right to transport soldiers and subsistence over either line free of charge whenever military affairs or measures of relief shall require.
- (f) All earnings of the railways in question must be deposited in Japanese banks. As to the terms upon which such deposits shall be made, satisfactory arrangements shall be agreed upon by the parties concerned when the loan contracts are drawn up.
- IV. The Chinese Government impediately after the purchase of the present Ksin-min-Mukden Railway shall enter into a contract with the South Manchuria Railway Company for the loan in connection with that section of the line east of the Liao River, and shall also appoint and direct a Chinese engineer to consult and act with the Japanese engineer in Lakin, a survey of the Kirin-Chang-chun Line to furnish a basis for estimating the amount of the loan needed for the construction of the line, and within six months after the completion (of the survey) shall enter into a contract with the South Manchuria Railway Company for the loan.
- V. The lines from Hein-Min to Makden and from Kirin to Changchun under the management of China must connect with the South Manchuria Railway line. The Tientsin-Shan-hai Kuang Railway Administration and the South Manchuria Railway Company shall appoint representatives to consult together and draw up the necessary regulations.
- VI. The rate at which the loans specified in Articles I and II shall be issued shall be determined fairly in accordance with the terms of the most recent loan negotiated by China with any foreign country.

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vII. Within one month after the payment of the purchase price of the Hsin-min-Makden Railway, the Chinese Railway Administration shall appoint officers to take Jonthol of the same, papanese Calendar, Maiji XL Year, Fourth Moon, 15 Day. Chinese Calendar, Manghau XXXIII Year, Third Moon, 3 Day. (April 15, 1907)

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